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1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. P01,0249

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

1. Specification [Total Pages 17]
 2. Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Pages 9]
 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney [Total Pages 2]

- a. Unexecuted declaration
 b. Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 14 completed)

[Note Box 4 Below]
i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
 Signed statement attached deleting
 Inventor(s) named in the prior application,
 see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

4. Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)
 The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a
 copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b,
 is considered as being part of the disclosure of the
 accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by
 reference therein.

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

5. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)

 6. Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
 7. English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
 8. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
 9. Preliminary Amendment
 10. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
 11. Small Entity Statement filed in prior application,
 Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
 12. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) German patent
 application 100 32 825.3 filed July 6, 2000
 13. Other:

14. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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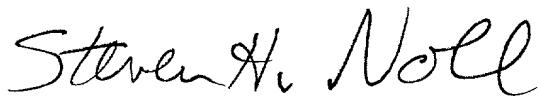
Re: Proposed Patent Application for HORST MUELLER entitled "METHOD FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF DIGITAL OPTICAL SIGNALS", Attorney Docket No. P01,0249

SIR:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.41 (c), I am filing the attached application with 13 claims, 9 sheets of drawings and filing fee on behalf of HORST MUELLER and request that the application papers be assigned a serial number and filing date.

I request that the application be assigned a Serial No. and Filing Date pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

Respectfully submitted,



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